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Jennifer Watkins, BS, BSN, RN, OCN is a Sparrow Hospital nurse who works on the Medical Oncology Unit and is a member of the Oncology Nurses Society (ONS) and the Michigan Nurses Association (MNA). She is dedicated to the safety of the oncology patients that she cares for and has worked hard to find ways to increase their health outcomes. Her main contribution has been decreasing the incidence of blood stream infections in Sparrow's oncology patients. Blood stream infections cause thousands of U.S. deaths each year and oncology patients are at high risk for developing a bloodstream infection due to receiving chemotherapy through their bloodstream and their lowered immunity. Due to the many safety interventions, education sessions, and process improvements that Jennifer has helped lead, the oncology unit has been free of blood stream infections for almost a year. Due to this achievement, Jennifer and her team were chosen to receive Sparrow Hospital's annual nursing quality award this year. In addition, Jennifer is currently attending Michigan State University and pursuing her Clinical Nurse Specialist Master's degree.